

Extra Week Of Practice Welcomed By Devaney

By Mark Gordon

Unlike most coaches who prefer a weekly game throughout the entire football season, Husker Coach Bob Devaney isn't disappointed about the two-week layoff before the Nebraska home opener against Minnesota's Gophers Sept. 30.

Devaney was previously skeptical about the open date Saturday, but the Washington opener last weekend convinced the Husker boss that the team can benefit from the extra practice.

"This week we're going to run daily practices and have some kind of a scrimmage Saturday morning," the nation's winningest coach explained Tuesday.

'ELIMINATE MISTAKES'

"We will also re-evaluate some of the players who didn't get a chance to play much against Washington," he said, "and we'll spend some time polishing up both our offense and defense to eliminate mistakes that were made against Washington."

Some mistakes might include the Huskers' three lost fumbles and the 72 yards Nebraska was penalized against the Huskies.

"The extra week might be all right as players' that have injuries get a chance to recover," Devaney explained.

INJURIES HURT

While the Huskers fared well point-wise against Washington, injury-wise they weren't successful.

Halfback Mick Ziegler was sidelined for the remainder of the season with torn knee ligaments and other players received minor injuries ranging from swollen ankles to bruised backs.

On the positive side, tackle Dan Delaney who didn't see action against the Huskies was expected to rejoin his offensive mates this week.

Devaney said he was unable to compare the Huskies, who are expected to be among the top AAUW title contenders, with other Big Eight teams.

"We have no way to compare them after a single game," the coach said.

The win, which tied the Husker-Huskie series at one victory each, pleased Devaney in several ways.

"I thought we did very well for an opening game performance," he said, "and they made fewer mistakes than other teams have in openers."

back instructor, and Carl Selmer, offensive line coach, would scout the Gophers at Minneapolis Saturday.

Although Nebraska didn't make exclusive use of their newly-installed I formation Saturday, Devaney said the Huskers plan to continue using it.

"We plan to continue with it at present with no adjustments," he said.

"There isn't any single thing we are going to emphasize this week in practices," he concluded, but we are going to try to see if we can get a better percentage on pass completions."

Big sophomore quarterback Frank Patrick completed nine of 24 passes for 92 yards, but he kept the Huskers rolling for a combined 301 total offense.

The 301 opening game total is just 17 yards behind the 1966 Huskers, who led the Big Eight in total offensive with a weekly accumulation of 318.8 yards.

FEWER MISTAKES

Devaney said Nebraska probably didn't make as many mistakes Saturday as in previous Husker openers.

In five previous openers, the Huskers clobbered South Dakota 53-0 in 1962, squashed South Dakota State 58-7 in 1963, bombed South Dakota 56-0 in 1964 and then scored consecutive opening victories over Texas Christian University, 34-14 in 1965 and 1966's 14-10 total.

Devaney said next week's practice schedule would be altered somewhat because of the Minnesota season opener at Minneapolis Saturday against Utah.

"COACHES SCOUTING
"We don't know much about them so we are going to spend most of our time this week working on our team plays until the scouting comes in," the Husker boss said.

He added that Jim Ross, Nebraska defensive end and



PREPARATION BEGINS... for Minnesota home opener.

What Was That Score?

By Les Hellbusch

When Nebraska defeated Washington last Saturday, it marked the eighth straight year that NU has defeated its opponent in the season's opener.

This record, of course, did not begin in the Devaney regime. It was Bill Jennings who last blotted an opener back in '59, the year Texas invaded Lincoln and blanked the Huskers 20-0.

Although the Cornhuskers hardly had a powerhouse that year, they did turn in a 32-12 victory over Minnesota and a 15-21 triumph over an Oklahoma Sooners team that was considered one of the nation's perennial best.

The Washington game was also the first time since 1960 that an opening encounter was played on enemy soil. In that year, Nebraska edged Texas at Austin 14-13.

None of the victories in this opening-game winning string, however, could be more encouraging to the Husker coaching staff than this impressive win over a solid Washington team last weekend.

YOUNG CLUB SPIRITED

Before last Saturday's game, coaches, sports writers and fans (most important, of course) were concerned over the youthful Husker squad. At times during the game, sophomoreish troubles caused some difficulty in the Husker strategy.

But it is this same youthfulness which showed more Husker spirit and quickness than has been displayed since the first Devaney "beef squads" appeared.

Statistics back this up: Nebraska had only 72 yards in penalties, while Washington managed 75 punishment yards. Even more obvious than these not-very-vivid numbers was the smoothness of handoffs and timing in the backfield, a precision and snap easily seen in the stands.

It appears that a brand-new generation of Husker footballers will originate in the 1967 football season.

TWO WEEK VACATION

Coaches are generally dubious about the effects of layoffs during the regular season. The pre-season Husker workouts this year were labeled by many team members as some of the most grueling of their career.

The rush is over now. The two-week layoff may be a welcome period of general conditioning, rehabilitation and preparation for a Minnesota team that predictably won't be a pushover.

These two weeks will give our youthful Huskers an opportunity to build confidence and to consider that Nebraska is not only "Where the West Begins" (Hooray for Nebraska!), but also where a football giant resides.

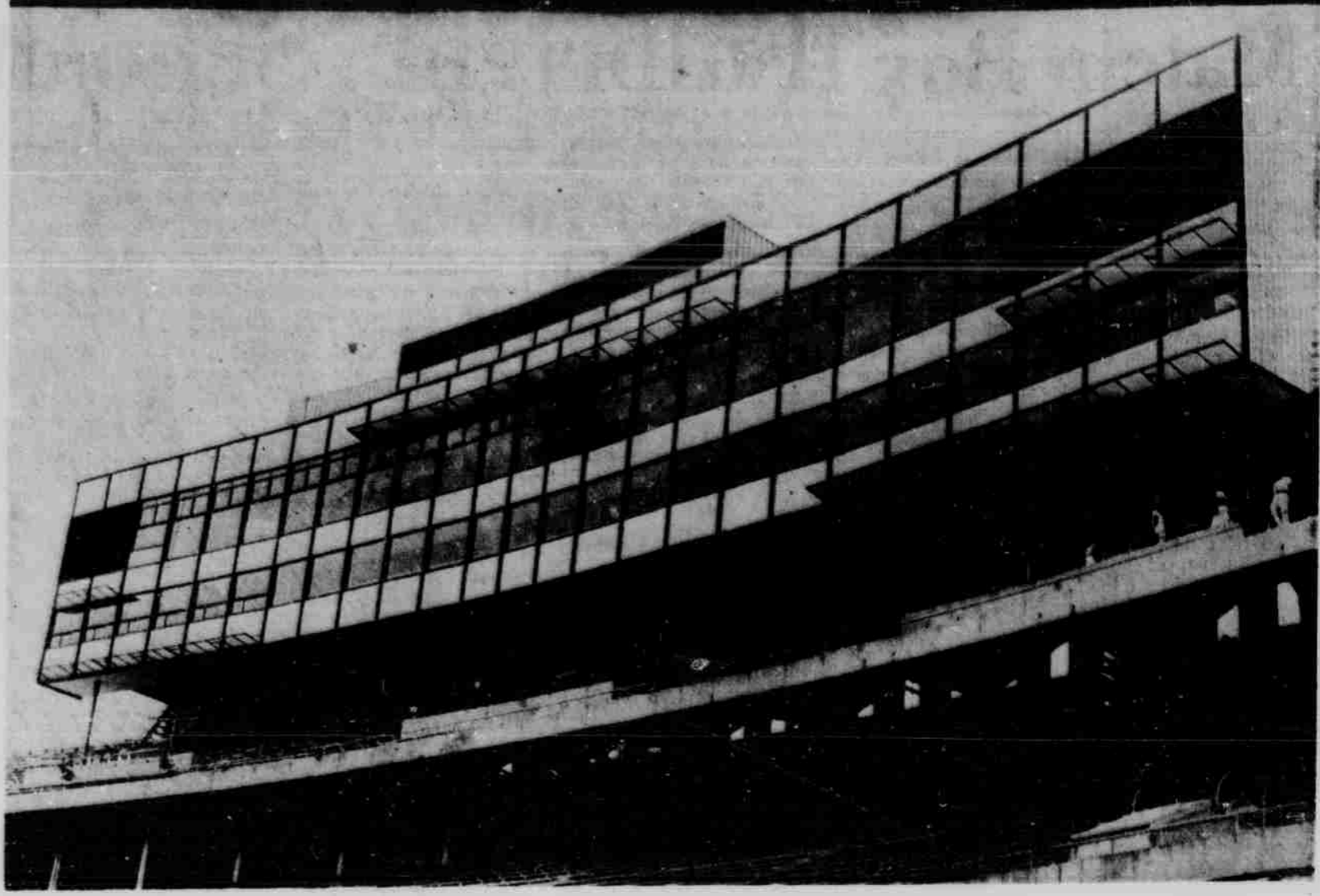
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NEW PRESS BOX . . . "Reached big-time along with the stadium."

Structure Will Hold 250-300 . . . 'Big-Time' Press Box Nearly Finished

By Charles Davies

Nebraska's new \$512,000 press box, which replaced a structure rated among the nation's worst press facilities, should be completed before Nebraska's home opener with Minnesota, Sept. 30, Don Bryant, university sports information director, said Tuesday.

The new Information Center was financed in three ways, he said. First, contributions were made by members of the Husker Educational and Athletic Award Program.

Persons who donated funds are entitled to four tickets in the guest section or section 300 on the second level for at least ten years. \$400,000 IN DONATIONS

Secondly, donations were contributed by people who were allotted four tickets in section 200, formerly occupied by the old press box. These donations accounted for \$70,000 of the \$512,000.

The Athletic Department accounted for the remaining funds.

"The new press box will hold a few more people and with greater safety," Bryant commented. "Around 250 to 300 will be able to fill the Information Center on the west side of the stadium."

HEALTH HAZARD

Bryant, who is supervisor of the press facilities, said that the old press box was

a dangerous health hazard for the occupants, "as people were crammed into a small space."

"The new press box is unbelievable," Bryant said. "It is a modern, up-to-date communications center,

which has reached big-time along with the stadium."

Bryant said that this press box is one of the finest in the nation.

Nebraska's old press box had been listed among the 10 worst in the nation by

the Football Writers Association of America.

ROYAL TREATMENT

The first level will include the general press working area, 10 radio booths, scoreboard operating booth, snack bar, rest room, dark room, office and press service center.

In addition to the guest area, the second level will include two photo wings, public address booth, rest rooms and snack bar. There will be a photo and movie area on the roof, as well as a film-change room.

The new Information Center will be endowed with carpeting, heating and air-conditioning besides the other features mentioned.

Also included are telephone jacks and switchboard for instant information on and off the field.

Cadence Countesses Enlarge Membership

The Cadence Countesses, auxiliary to Pershing Rifles Company A-2, will now serve, under a new constitution as a service organization as well as a drill team.

The girls plan to broaden their activities in order to serve the Army ROTC establishment on campus and promote good military relations with the community.

The group membership will be increased to 50 girls, 18 of whom will be on the drill team.

Freshmen, sophomore and junior coeds are eligible to join the organization, although freshmen cannot serve on the drill team.

Girls must have an accumulative grade average of 2.4 and freshmen must have been in the top half of their graduating class.

A meeting will be held

Sept. 24 at 2 p.m. in the Military and Naval Science Building to explain the organization in detail.

Cadence Countess interviews are scheduled for Oct. 1 and drill team tryouts will be held Oct. 3 in the Military and Naval Science Building.

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Ziegler Lost Because Of Knee Injury

Nebraska halfback Mick Ziegler, who sustained torn knee ligaments in the Husker opener against Washington Saturday, has been lost for the remainder of the season. Husker coach Bob Devaney confirmed Tuesday.

Without Ziegler, 5'11" 180 pound junior, Devaney will have to realign his offensive backfield in preparation for the home opener against Minnesota Sept. 30.

He said Frank Vactor will be elevated from scouting duties to varsity status and that sophomore Mike Green will be tried at both the right and left halfback positions.

Ziegler, a four sport letterman at Lincoln's Pius X, averaged 3.5 yards per carry in limited sophomore action on the 1965 Husker team.

Athletes Register ACT; SAT Scores

Athletes are reminded to have either their ACT or SAT test scores recorded with the Director of Admissions.

Athletes who haven't taken and passed one of these tests, may take the SAT at 8:15 a.m., Sept. 23 in room 225 Nebraska Hall.

Football Referees Meetings Planned

Flag football officials, Sigma Xi, Alpha Chi Sigma must attend one of two upcoming officials meetings to referee intramural football games.

The meetings, held in room 114 Men's Physical Education Building, will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 and 8 p.m. Sept. 28.

Meylan, Gregory Gain All-American Positions

Nebraska's Wayne Meylan and Ben Gregory have been named to Sport Magazine's 1967 All-American Preview Team.

In naming the 6', 240 pound middle guard to the first defense crew, the magazine described Meylan as "very strong and very fast, specializes in destroying quarterbacks and blocking punts."

Halfback Gregory, the 5'11", 220 pound Husker co-captain, was selected to an honorable mention berth.

The magazine also picked Kansas State's Cornelius Davis, the Big Eight's lead-

ing 1966 rusher, on the first team and selected the Big Eight players on the second squad.

Missouri's 275 pound offensive tackle Russ Washington, Oklahoma's defensive middle guard Granville Liggins and Kansas' linebacker Mike Sweatman were chosen for second team recognition.

Other Big Eight honorable mentions included Colorado's offensive tackle Frank Bosch, Mike Wempe, Missouri offensive tackle and the Big Eight's leading 1966 scorer Wilmer Cooks of Colorado.

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